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1. FLORENCE FULBRIGHT GROUP REGRETS SENATOR FULBRIGHT
UNAVAILABILITY FOR KEYNOTE ROLE.
2. THEY HAVE SUGGESTED ALTERNATE APPROACH INVOLVING
DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS KNOWN IN ITALY WHO HAVE PLAYED ROLE IN
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES AS CHAIRMEN OF BFS. SPECIFICALLY,
BECAUSE OF HIS RESEARCH FIELD, THEY ARE INTERESTED IN OSCAR
HANDLIN, AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN AMERICAN STUDIES IN FLORENCE
CIRCLE WHICH HAS FOCUSED ON IMMIGRATION STUDIES.
3. THEIR SECOND CHOICE WOULD BE JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, THERE IS
CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN STUDIES OF CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION
PERIOD, WITH EMPHASIS ON HISTORY OF BLACKS IN U.S.
4. WE BELIEVE THIS EXCELLENT IDEA WOULD BE IMPROVED IF
PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF BFS COULD BE ENABLED TO JOIN IN THE CEREMONY
AND MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO DELIBERATION. ADVISE.VOLPE

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